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1. Due to the vote on the Postal Pay Bill, Cong. Adam Clayton Powell was unable to lunch with the Director today but came down after lunch and was debriefed on his trip to the Bandung Conference. Those present included the DCI and DDCI, Mr. Bissell, [] and representatives of OCI, ONE and DDP. Mr. Powell answered questions freely even where the information had been imparted to him in confidence, and agreed to secure certain other information on the Conference for us.

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2. Mr. Kennedy, Counsel to the Senate Investigations Subcommittee, informed me that a representative of CIA had been in touch with his investigators in Europe and that they had informed him that our people were really terrific and were the best and most helpful they had met.

3. I informed Mr. Todd, Assistant to Sen. Long (D., La.), that in connection with the case of [] which he had discussed with me earlier, we would be unable to furnish her with a letter stating that her resignation from CIA had been due solely to medical reasons and not to security. I pointed out to Mr. Todd that we were barred from internal security matters by law and therefore were not in a position to give a person a letter endorsing their security. I stated that Mr. Reynolds, our Director of Personnel, had informed [] that if they referred any prospective employer to the Agency the latter would be informed that the resignation was purely for medical reasons arising out of the pressures of the work, but that we could not go beyond that under accepted bounds of medical ethics. Mr. Todd asked me if I felt sure that if the present Personnel officials were not here the files would adequately reflect this information, and I assured him that they would. He asked what the effect of a letter would be if [] might write to the Director of Personnel setting forth her understanding of the reason for her resignation, and I said I could not answer that question in advance. While Mr. Todd would have preferred our acquiescence in giving Mr. [] a letter, in view of the feeling of the Director of Personnel on this point I told him that we could not do so.

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